

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. RICK DRISCOLL AND MS. TRACY WATSON ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR MARRIAGE**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson will be united in marriage July 30, 2005, in Ashtabula, Ohio; and

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson will dedicate their lives to each other; and

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson will share their wedding day with family and friends; and

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson have illustrated the love and commitment necessary to live a long and beautiful life together.

Therefore, I join with their family, friends, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson on the occasion of their marriage.

**IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF TESS MANALO-VENTRESCA**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Tess Manalo-Ventresca, devoted wife, mother, dedicated community activist, environmentalist, child advocate and friend and mentor to countless people.

Mrs. Manalo-Ventresca was born and raised in the Philippines, and immigrated to San Francisco with the hope of a better life for herself and her three children. A single mother, Ms. Manalo-Ventresca worked full-time at a union trustfund, yet still found time to become deeply involved in the issues of her urban neighborhood, particularly, quality of life issues, environmental issues and concerns regarding the youth of the community.

Mrs. Manalo-Ventresca's tireless advocacy on behalf of the people of her community was framed by heart, personal strength and conviction. In 2000, she joined Experience Corps, a national organization that links volunteers with public schools. Her focus on uplifting the lives of the children of her neighborhood was unwavering, and she spent countless hours volunteering her time at Francis Scott Key Elementary School in the Outer Sunset neighborhood, even long after her own children were grown. She became a permanent source of hope and energy at the school, serving as a member of the PTA, and leading the effort to organize environmental projects and programs. Her efforts to protect and improve her neighborhood are numerous and significant. She organized her neighbors to rally against the intrusion of adult businesses into her neighborhood, and led a triumphant effort to stop an international coffee shop chain from establishing a store in her community, preventing a detrimental impact to independently owned businesses nearby.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Tess Manalo-

Ventresca, an exceptional human being whose integrity, kindness and concern for others has instilled light, hope and justice throughout San Francisco. I offer my deepest condolences to her husband, Joel; her children, Mark, Michael and Aurelia; her eight grandchildren; and her extended family and many friends. Her journey through life has made our world a better place, and her legacy will live on, carried aloft by every tree she planted and everyone whose lives were changed forever by knowing her.

**IN HONOR OF WADE BOGGS**

**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Wade Boggs, who will be inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame this weekend. Wade represents the latest addition to Tampa Bay's proud history of achievement in sports, particularly baseball.

Wade's success has come full-circle, from his beginnings in Tampa area Little League games, to the start of his pre-professional career at Plant High School, and finally the conclusion of his career with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Wade has been a strong community leader for the Tampa Bay area. Currently he assists the coaching staff of Wharton High School's baseball team, where his son Brett looks to follow in his dad's footsteps.

Even a partial listing of Wade's career successes would be too lengthy, but one of Tampa's proudest moments is certainly when Wade got his 3,000th hit at home in a Devil Rays uniform. The Devil Rays will never forget Wade, as he hit the first home run in Tampa Bay's history.

Two of baseball's greatest rivals also share Tampa's pride in Wade's achievements. The Boston Red Sox gave Boggs his first chance at a career in baseball when they drafted him right out of high school. As a player in the team's minor league ranks, Boggs bounded from New York, to North Carolina, and New England. In 1992, Wade signed with the New York Yankees, whose spring training facilities in Tampa once more brought him home.

In 1998, as an expansion team, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays signed Wade to be a part of their inaugural season. There, Wade carried on his well-known idiosyncrasies such as eating chicken before every game and hitting exactly 150 ground balls during batting practice.

Wade Boggs personifies the values of baseball, both on and off the field, and serves as an inspiration to many. The Tampa Bay area is privileged to count Wade among its sons, and congratulate him on his latest success.

**A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF REUBEN RAY MILLER**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Reuben Ray Miller of Dundee; and

Whereas, Reuben Ray Miller was a caring and loving son, brother, and uncle; and

Whereas, Reuben Ray Miller died while serving his country in Iraq; and

Whereas, Reuben Ray Miller will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him; and

Whereas, to the lives that he touched, the memory of Reuben Ray Miller will stand as a monument to a truly fine person.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Reuben Ray Miller.

**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR TONY HALL**

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues the attached statement by our former colleague Tony Hall, who now serves as U.S. ambassador to the World Food Programme. Ambassador Hall is concerned about the future of world food aid in light of current negotiations at the World Trade Organization.

In the past year, the world has been broadsided by tragedy. Mother Nature wreaked havoc in Indonesia, destroying lives and impairing the ability of tens of thousands of survivors to feed themselves. In Darfur, the constant need for food aid will not subside until people can safely return to their homes and begin to plant seeds. Ethiopia has once again found itself on the brink of famine. There, the causes are complex, but the need is simple. Food aid is helping Ethiopians stay alive.

I want to discuss another looming tragedy. But we can prevent this one. I'm talking about negotiations happening right now in Geneva at the World Trade Organization.

Some European members of the WTO are working to eliminate most in-kind food donations to humanitarian situations. There is a belief among some countries that the best way to insure minimal impact is to move to a cash only system for donations.

The U.S. is adamantly opposed to any proposal that would RESTRICT and therefore REDUCE the amount of donations to the world's hungry. There are 850 million people who don't have enough food to eat. And yet we are reaching only about 100 million of them with assistance. We need to be increasing our volumes of food aid worldwide but some of the wealthy WTO member states are pushing positions that will inevitably cut food aid back.

Eliminating in-kind assistance results in smaller amounts of food aid to the hungry of the world. For example, WFP's own research found "a clear decline in European Union food aid after the EC and other European member nations moved from in-kind to cash."

It is inconceivable to me that a group of our colleagues meeting in Geneva would put already fragile lives at risk. Why is this conversation even happening, considering the humanitarian emergencies in the world today?

The U.S. has given \$1.6 billion in 2005—that's half of total food aid—and emergency needs are still not being met.

The WTO should not be even discussing food aid reform. FAO and WFP are the experts. The discussions of improving food aid